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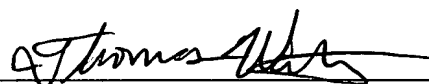
**REMARKS**

In advance of examination, Applicants hereby amend claims 1, 12, 20, 23, 25, 30, 32-33 and 37 of the present application to more clearly recite the invention. Applicants additionally add new dependent claims 38-49.

Specifically, Applicants have amended the claims to refer to a "query of a database query language" to distinguish from any system that might enable such functionality, but not via calls of a query language. Additionally, Applicants dropped some limitations of the independent claims to dependent format for an additional scope of protection. Lastly, Applicants have added dependent claims that make it explicit that the database query language is the structured query language (SQL), as implemented in exemplary fashion in various embodiments described in the specification. No new matter has been added.

An early examination and allowance of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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